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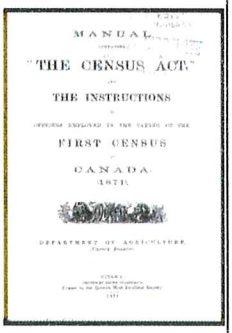
The national census was established as part of the Constitution Act of 1867, (aka British North America Act.) This act specified that a census would be taken in 1871 and then every 10 years. The main purpose of this exercise was to determine number of members of Parliament should be accorded to each district, with reference to population size. All Canadians were legally obligated to complete it. There were 211 questions in nine different schedules as below: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THE CENSUS ACT
THE INSTRUCTIONS
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1871

Schedule 1, Nominal return of the living
Schedule 2, Nominal return of the deaths
Schedule 3, Return of public institutions, real and personal estate
Schedule 4, Return of cultivated land and products
Schedule 5, Livestock, animal products, home-made fabrics and furs
Schedule 6, Return of industrial establishments
Schedule 7, Return of products of the forest
Schedule 8, Return of shipping and fisheries
Schedule 9, Return of mineral products.

The government hired 2,789 staff as enumerators to collect the data across New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Quebec, the only provinces included. Enumerators would go from door to door to interview members of each household and record the answers. Being accurate was extremely important. They were to be courteous yet firm should they run into resistance from the householder not wanting to answer the questions.

We can learn so much about the people living in 1871 by looking at the Census.
https://census.gc.ca/about-apropos/355-years-355-ans/enumerator-agent-recenseur-eng.htm and
https://archive.org/details/1871981871i11871eng

As a family historian I feel it is a shame that the present census does not ask more questions. Those researching in a few years will not have the same advantage as we have had with the 1851 to 1921 records. How will they learn about us?

Stations of the Cross ..... followed a series that began in 2016 and has taken place in four major cities: London, Washington, New York and Amsterdam. Heather Alloway created a 'made in Haliburton' version of this exhibit.

The public was invited to visit distinctive art works created by local artists, specifically to capture the meaning of the iconic biblical story expressed in Scriptural Stations of the Cross.

Turn to page 3 for more information and pictures.

Some interesting facts about the dandelion flower: The dandelion is the only flower that represents the 3 celestial bodies of the sun, moon and stars. The yellow flower resembles the sun, the puff ball is the moon and the dispersing seeds is the stars. The dandelion flower opens to greet the morning and closes in the evening to go to sleep. Every part of the dandelion is useful: root, leaves, flower. It can be used for food, medicine and dye for coloring.

The name dandelion is taken from the French word "dent de lion" meaning lion's tooth, referring to the coarsely-toothed leaves.

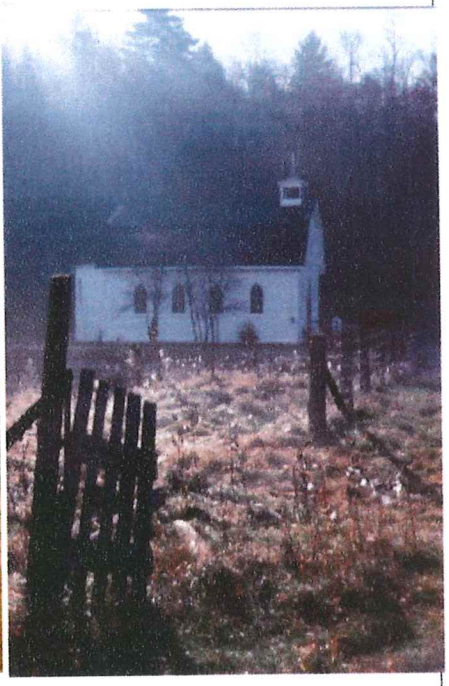
Up until the 1800s people would pull grass out of their lawns to make room for dandelions and other useful "weeds" like chickweed, malva, and chamomile. http://mydandelionisaflower.org/did-you-know/

Photos from

Dan Wilson's collection

George (?) Simmons in the early 1960's

Dan Wilson and Perry Simmons



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** **Editors note:** I asked Eco-Choice to provide me with an article to pass on to you. I am sure you will be thankful to have this number & email on hand should you find yourself in the same predicament. My household can vouch for the friendly service and success rate of their product of this company. We had a terrible mouse problem, one that we could not handle with the conventional traps and bait bought at the hardware stores. We saw a difference immediately - very happy within a short time. There were bait stations outside the perimeter of the house and a couple smaller ones inside. We have pets. Neither trap allows the wrong species to get to the active ingredients.
We ordered the mosquito equipment and installed it early May. By the time you have read this newsletter, we will have had some indication as to the effectiveness. I dislike mosquitos - in my house or around me when outdoors. If I get bit—I swell. I hope to remember to give you an update in the fall newsletter.

1st Annual
Haliburton County

Stations of the Cross Tour

Friday, March 26 to Sunday, April 4, 2021

The churches of Haliburton invite you to a COVID-safe tour of our beautiful region, while taking time to reflect and prepare our hearts for this season of Lent and Easter.

The "Stations of the Cross Tour" provides an opportunity for each of us to reflect on our need for the resurrecting power of Jesus Christ in our lives today.

From March 26 to Easter Sunday, April 4, outdoor Installations of local art, representing the story of Jesus' Journey to the Cross will be open for you to visit at various sites in and near Haliburton village.

May you be blessed as you take the Tour which serves as a beautiful intersection of faith and art.

For a tour guide, map and more information visit:
www.mylakeside.ca/SOChaliburton

"This tour isn't just for Christians. Whether you're a Christian or not, it involves big life questions and it provides a place during Easter and Lent to just be reflective" said Heather Alloway. "With COVID-19, a lot of people cannot even darken their own churches. It allows people to walk by social distanced and drive by ... get the guide and have an Easter celebration despite our masking."

Each station had its own message, however people could finish the tour with an overall feeling of hope.

The hope moving forward, is each year, new local Christian artists could contribute art pieces to guide us along the Way of the Cross through this tour.

This year's tour featured all original art by Haliburton artists, the youngest being 9 years old.

Shirley Cowling

Susan Hart

Annabelle Borgdorff, 13

artists of the painting above their name

Please watch for the 2022 version of this fabulous tour.

*excerpts taken from Haliburton County Echo - Mar 16, 2021;
Journey of the Cross tour guide and email conversation with Heather Alloway

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Thank you for your support

From the mailbox

"We have tried to get our new friends in the area to join us at some of your dinners—explaining that they are fundraisers to help preserve the culture of the Irondale. The response we hear is 'the only thing that being worked on & restored is the church for several years now'. Perhaps an article of past & future endeavors would be of interest."

A very good suggestion indeed!

Financially we have a pretty hefty mortgage - the building was not gifted to us nor the subsequent lawyers fees. We felt it impertinent to save one of the very few original buildings left in Irondale.

It is true - visually it seems that we are just working on the heritage building. Since purchased we have stripped/re-shingled the roof, painting the outside is an ongoing project, updated the adjoining hall (insulation, drywall, removal of shag carpet and more lighting). We are having eavestrough installed so that the water runs away from the building. The stone foundation needs to be repointed. All of this work has been done by volunteers.

Turn to page 5 for more on this topic.

Just some trivia to ponder....

Buying a watch in 1880 -- history you probably didn't know!

If you were in the market for a watch in 1880, would you know where to get one? You would go to a store, right? Well, of course you could do that, but if you wanted one that was cheaper and a bit better than most of the store watches, you went to the train station! Sound a bit funny? Well, for about 500 towns across the northern United States, that's where the best watches were found. Why were the best watches found at the train station? The railroad company wasn't selling the watches, not at all. The telegraph operator was.

Most of the time the telegraph operator was located in the railroad station because the telegraph lines followed the railroad tracks from town to town. It was usually the shortest distance and the right-of-ways had already been secured for the rail line. Most of the station agents were also skilled telegraph operators and that was the primary way that they communicated with the railroad. They would know when trains left the previous station and when they were due at their next station. And it was the telegraph operator who had the watches.

As a matter of fact, they sold more of them than almost all the stores combined for a period of about 9 years. This was all arranged by "Richard", who was a telegraph operator himself. He was on duty in the North Redwood, Minnesota train station one day when a load of watches arrived from the East. It was a huge crate of pocket watches. No one ever came to claim them. So Richard sent a telegram to the manufacturer and asked them what they wanted to do with the watches. The manufacturer didn't want to pay the freight back, so they wired Richard to see if he could sell them. So Richard did. He sent a wire to every agent in the system asking them if they wanted a cheap, but good, pocket watch. He sold the entire case in less than two days and at a handsome profit. That started it all.

He ordered more watches from the watch company and encouraged the telegraph operators to set up a display case in the station offering high quality watches for a cheap price to all the travelers. It worked! It didn't take long for the word to spread and, before long, people other than travelers came to the train station to buy watches. Richard became so busy that he had to hire a professional watch maker to help him with the orders. That was Alvah. And the rest is history as they say. The business took off and soon expanded to many other lines of dry goods. Richard and Alvah left the train station and moved their company to Chicago -- and it's still there.

YES, IT'S A LITTLE KNOWN FACT - that for a while in the 1880's, the biggest watch retailer in the country was at the train station. It all started with a telegraph operator: **Richard Sears** and his partner **Alvah Roebuck**!

Bet You Didn't Know That!!!

Loon Report April 22, 2021 - by Kevin K. Pepper

The start of another season on Salerno Lake. A very unusual start with several days of incredible warm weather and a very early start with the first Loon arriving on April 6th. Ice Out was April 8th. The weather reverted back to a seasonal norm with minus temperatures and snow. There have been many chilly mornings on the Loon Watch.

On April 20th the second Loon arrived and met up with our first Loon. Since then they have stayed together, and I have observed activity which leads me to think this could be our mating pair. Let's hope.

On April 21st I located a third Loon near the North end. Shortly after that another pair have made the North end their territory.

Our Loon population seems to be growing. Last year Salerno was home to 5 Loons, 2 pair and a single Loon. We had 2 nesting pairs which generated 2 eggs each. One nest was abandoned and the eggs did not hatch. The other nest generated two chicks, R2 & D2. Sadly, D2 was taken by a large fish and R2 was our only chick that survived and migrated in September. In the years Salerno has been home to 7 – 8 Loons. The lake is large enough to accommodate at least 3 pair. It would be great to have more Loons on Salerno.

Once again, I want to thank everyone for their interest and protection of our Loons. The Loons are the barometer of a healthy lake. Clean water, a good food supply for our wildlife and the awareness of our Loons by everyone on the lake.

The call of the Loon in the early morning, late evening truly tells us we are in the North.

Have a safe season, be healthy and look after each other.

Jeopardy for Seniors ANSWERS

1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Someone would answer, "I don't know but he left this behind." What did he leave behind? *A Silver Bullet*
2. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. in early 1964, we all watched them on what show? *The Ed Sullivan Show*
3. Finish this sentence, "Get your kicks _____" *on Route 66*
4. Complete this sentence, "The story you are about the see is true. The names have been changed to _____." *Protect the Innocent*
5. Finish this jingle, "In the jungle, the might jungle, _____." *the lion sleeps tonight.*
6. After the Twist, the Mashed Potato & the Watusi, we danced under a stick that was lowered, as low as we could go in a dance called the _____ *the Limbo.*
7. "Nestle's makes the very best _____!." *Chocolate okay be honest how many of you answered this Ch-a-w-clit in the same tone of voice that the commercial used.*
8. Satchmo was America's Ambassador of Goodwill. Our parents shared this great jazz player with us. His name was _____. *Louis Armstrong*
9. What take a licking and keeps on ticking? _____ *Timex Watch*
10. Red Skelton's hobo character was named _____. Red always ended his TV show by saying, "Good night and ___." *Freddy the Freeloader .... God Bless*
11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their _____. *Draft cards*
12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? _____ or _____ *Beetle or Bug*
13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sand a song about 'the day the music died". This was a tribute to _____ . *Buddy Holly*
14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called _____ *Sputnik*
15. One of the fads of the late '50s & '60s was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. What was it called? *The Hula Hoop*
16. Remember LS/MFT? What do those letters stand for? *Lucky Strike Means Fine Tobacco*
17. "Hey Kids! What time is it? It's _____!" *Howdy Doody Time*
18. Who knows what secrets lie in the hearts of men? Only the _____ knows! *Shadow*
19. There was a song that came out in the '60s that was 'a grave yard smash". What was the title? *Monster Mash*
20. Alka Seltzer used a 'boy with a tablet on his head' as its logo. What was the boy's name? *Speedy*

Where did the word Spinsters come from?

In ancient times it was a custom that no woman should marry till she had spun with her own hands, a complete set of body, bed, and table linen. Hence the unmarried ladies in these days were called **spinsters.**

**copied from Northern Standard December 1842 news, transcribed by Teena on UlsterAncestry.com*

Mailbox continued ... from page 3

If this work had not be done - the building would not be around for the next generation. We feel this place should serve the community in numerous ways for years to come.

We have been collecting old photos, documents and personal memories. These items have to be catalogued. Historical information is shared in the bi-monthly newsletters as well as various displays at community events.

A website and Facebook page are maintained,

There is a Book Nook open at 1019 Elm Rd. The cupboards are next to the garden with free books, dvds and vcr movies. Please help yourself.

Restoring Uncle Fred's garden has been a work in progress for a few years. It has been many years since he grew vegetables for the community. Our plantings have been somewhat successful, however the soil needs to be rejuvenated.

Events are necessary to keep funds coming in and take many hours of organizing to execute.

Future projects (waiting for funding opportunities)

- create a significant November tribute to our locals that served in the various wars
- create a walking trail in the treed portion of the property, a place where you can walk and sit among the trees and special stones remembering those that have went before us
- update the electrical and insulate the original church portion allowing year round use
- develop self guided tours of the area covering historical acts and local stories

We are open to ideas and suggestions.

Perhaps you have an idea how to raise some of the needed funds. Contact me 705-457-8438.

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Hello Everyone,
I trust you are all doing well and are looking forward to spending some much needed time with your family at the cottage this summer. As we all know, fundraisers have been a challenge this year, and we could use your help.

My daughter, Monica Keefer, has offered to help us raise funds while helping you create some healthy yummy meals for you and your family.

The image below shows everything you get for $25. So many great meal ideas. All Gluten and Nut Free, and most can be made Dairy Free.

Watch for Monica's posts on our website - giving more info re: what is included in the box.

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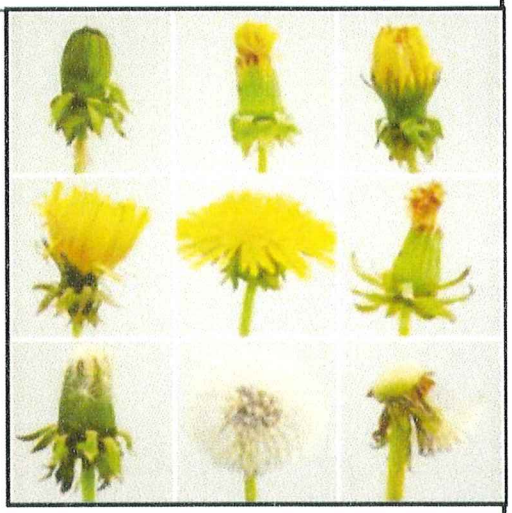
2) Your email (to connect with you)
3) The Quantity you wish to purchase
4) Payment sent via email money transfer to: monicakeefer@hotmail.com

Thank you again for your support.
Carol Simmons & Monica Keefer

Dandelions cont'd



Dandelions have one of the longest flowering seasons of any plant. The seeds are often carried away by a gust of wind - they travel like tiny parachutes. The seeds are often carried as many as 5 miles from their origin! Birds, insects and butterflies consume the nectar or seed of dandelions. The flowers do not need to be pollinated to form seed.

Every part of the dandelion is useful: root, leaves, flower. It can be used for food, medicine and dye for coloring. They have been used in the production of wine and root beer, the root can be used as a substitute for coffee.

The dandelion is used in folk medicine to treat infections and liver disorders. Tea made of dandelion acts as a diuretic (helps to rid your body of sodium and water.

If you mow the dandelions in your lawn, they'll grow shorter stalks just to spite you. Every year countries spend millions on lawn pesticides to have uniform lawns of non-native grasses, and we use 30% of the country's water supply to keep them green.

Do you remember making dandelion necklaces and how much fun it was to blow the seeds away while making a wish? I remember how hard it was to wash the dandelion 'milk' off our hands.

I also remember picking baskets and baskets of dandelion heads. My maternal grandfather made bottles of homemade dandelion wine. Was too young to sample so I cannot tell you if it was good.

The August/September 2018 front page featured a recipe for Dandelion Bread. Your editor made a couple loaves—using the yellow petals only. A little labour intensive but certainly delicious. Freezes well and can be eaten with butter or plain like a piece of cake with coffee.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK WE'VE BEEN DOING?

I don't need
My God will protect me!
My God! I trust you! Save me! Protect me!
God, I trusted you, but you didn't protect me!
My Son, I gave you Mask, sanitizer and told you to keep social distance, stay home, stay safe! But you didn't listen!

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Original Poem by Beth McWatters, 90+yr old Minden resident

I'm normally a social girl, I love to meet my mates
But lately with the virus here, we can't go out the gates.
You see, we are the 'oldies' now and we need to stay inside
I they haven't seen us for a while, they'll think we've upped and died!

They'll never know the things we did before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook so not everything was told.
We may seem sweet old ladies who would never by uncouth
But we grew up in the 50's – if you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll, the pill and miniskirts –
We smoked, we drank, we partied and were quite outrageous flirts!

Then we settled down, go married and turned into somebody's mom
Somebody's wife, then grandma – who on earth have we become!
We didn't mind the change of pace because our lives were full
But to bury us before we're dead is like a red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside for 6 weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again and then I had to close the door!
It didn't really bother me, I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family but now I've got no bloody flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful, I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris or some random sexy killer.
At least I've got a stash of booze for when I'm being idle
There's wine and whiskey, even fin if I'm feeling suicidal!

So let's all drink to lockdown – to recovery and health
And hope this bloody virus doesn't decimate our wealth.
We'll all get through the crisis and be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far to wide to fit through the flaming gates!!

*** I am sure we all feel the 'dreariness and boredom' of the pandemic. Hang in a while longer everybody. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, we are not far enough along to see it just yet.*

To celebrate growing older, a 90 year old American lady penned these life lessons....

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short – enjoy it.
4. Pay off your credit cards every month.
5. You don't have to win every argument.
6. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
7. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
8. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
9. Make peace with your past, it won't screw up the present
10. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
11. If a relationship must be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
12. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
13. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, clutter weighs you down.
14. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
15. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
16. It's never too late to be happy, but it's all up to you.
17. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
18. The most important sex organ is the brain.
19. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
20. Always choose life.
21. Forgive.
22. What other people think of you, none of your business.
23. The best is yet to come.
24. Yield.
25. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up, and show up.
26. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift."
27. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
28. Your children get only one childhood.
29. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
30. Believe in miracles.
31. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
32. Growing old beats the alternative of dying young.
33. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
34. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
35. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick, friends and family will.